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March 9, 2012

Mr. James C. Bizzelle III Senior Vice President The Newhall Land and Farming Company 25124 Springfield Court, Suite 300 Valencia, California 91355

Dear Mr. Bizzelle:

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND MONITORING AND REPORTING FOR THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SPINEFLOWER CONSERVATION PLAN, SANTA CLARITA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 11-168)

Dear Mr. Bizzelle:

On November 22, 2011, you filed a 401 Certification application/Report of Waste Discharge (RoWD) for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for the proposed Resource Management and Development Plan (RMDP). We have completed our review of your application for WDR for the Newhall Land and Farming Company. Pursuant to the California Water Code, tentative waste discharge requirements and a monitoring and reporting program have been prepared.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Tentative Regional Board Order No. R4-2012-XXXX (not including attachments), which includes Provisions for Mitigation and Monitoring and Reporting, as well as Administrative Provisions.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board will consider the enclosed tentative WDR and comments therein at a public hearing to be held on May 3, 2012. The Regional Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board at its discretion may order further investigation.

In order to be fully evaluated by the Regional Board staff and included in the Regional Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received by the Regional Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2012. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board Members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

Attachments to the WDR, which are part of these tentative requirements, are not enclosed and are on file in our office, and a link to these documents is available on our Regional Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/401_water_quality_c ertification/index.shtml

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Valerie Carrillo Zara at (213) 576-6759 or via email at vcarrillo@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely.

Samuel Unger, PE Executive Officer

Enclosure